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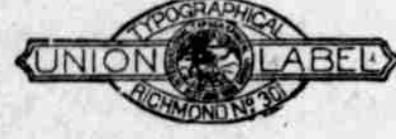
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STEFFEN'S DISCOVERY.

At last we are to know whether our government is really our own or not. Lincoln Steffens, of graft disclosing fame, is now in Washington investigating this important question. Mr. Steffens's first discovery as set forth in the Indianapolis News last Saturday evening, is that the President's boss is Theodore Roosevelt. This disclosure is not surprising but it will be surprising when the Senate's turn comes to be investigated if very many of that august body are found to be their own bosses.

DEPEW'S OVATION.

The New York Herald states that Senator Chauncey M. Depew will receive an ovation if he is present in the Senate today. This certainly proves that the majority of our senators do not carry life insurance policies. One's imagination would not have to be stretched very far to picture the kind of ovation Senator Depew would receive from a Senate composed of Equitable life insurance policy holders.

UNSATISFACTORY WEATHER?

Although the coal trust may be dissatisfied with the present spring-like appearance of the weather, it may be safely stated that the coal consuming public is not.

WILL TAKE ACTION
TOMORROW NIGHT

South Side Improvement Association Will Look Into Lloyd Factory Project.

The South Side Improvement Association will take action at its meeting tomorrow night in regard to the letter received from the Lloyd Manufacturing Company who wishes to locate in the city. Not much is known regarding the concern but if investigation shows it to be a plant that will be of benefit to the city, action will be taken to have it located here as soon as possible.

PAY CHECKS ARE
NOW COMING INC. C. & L. Employees Get Money
Several Days After It Is
Due Them.

The pay checks for the employees of the C. C. & L. Ry., are commencing to arrive, and several of the men have been paid up to date. The checks were due on the 15th of the month but for the past two months have been arriving several days late each time. The employees are not greatly worried over the situation although they say that it inconveniences them.

WAYNE COUNTY HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The program for the Wayne County Agricultural and Horticultural society for the year 1906 has been arranged. Following is a list of the dates and places of meeting and the essayists.

February 10—Court house, annual dinner.

March 10—Court house, Supt. C. W. Jordan.

April 14—Court house, Perry J. Freeman.

May 12—Court house, Richmond High Schol Chorus.

June 9—Reidston, Virginia C. Meredith.

July 14—Home of Lizzie Mayhew, Harriett Valentine.

August 11—Home of Isaac G. Dougan, Judge L. C. Abbott.

September 8—Jackson park, Judge W. C. Converse.

October 13—Court house, Prof. D. W. Dennis.

November 10—Court house, Rev. H. H. Hadley.

December 8—Court house, election of officers.

Standing Committees.

The following committees have been named:

Executive Committee — Isaac G. Dougan, ex-officio; Sanford Henning,

Wallace C. Reynolds, Stephen Kuth, Caleb W. King, Thomas Elleman, Mary Dickinson, Lizzie Mayhew, Essie Burgess, Ella Kenworthy, and Jennie Kuth.

Agriculture—Captain W. H. Longh Oliver Burgess, Caleb W. King, Clinton Shurley, Wallace C. Reynolds, and George H. Smith.

Fruits—Nathan F. Garwood, Stephen Kuth, John P. Norris, Thomas Elleman and Joseph C. Ratliff.

Vegetables—T. EvansKenworthy, Sanford Henning, Levi Fulghum, David W. Scott and Frank J. Brown.

Flowers—Hannah Grave, Agnes King, Harriett Fulghum, Helen V. Austin, Flora Branson and Essie Burgess.

Dairy and Culinary—Hannah Norris, Ella Kenworthy, Lizzie King, Rose Reynolds and Walter Ratliff.

Miscellaneous — Randa Runnels, Laura Kitson, Lizzie Mayhew, Ruth Ann Ratliff and Eva Stever.

Special Committees.

Statistics—Hon. Joseph C. Ratliff.

Ornithology—Prof Cyrus W. Hodgin and Walter S. Ratliff.

Membership—Lizzie Mayhew, Fannie Carrington, Lea Lamb, Mary Henning, Eli Jay and Frank M. Clark.

DIME NOVELS BRINGS HANDSOME RETURNS

(New York Tribune.)

"Dime and half-dime novel writing may not be considered very dignified work by literary people general, but it has come to be a good source of income to me," said a self-possessed and energetic young newspaper woman the other day. "Before I took up that style of writing I tried hard to obtain recognition as an author of magazine stories, but without any success whatever. Then a friend suggested that I try sensational boys' literature. I took her advice, wrote such a story and sent it off. It was accepted at once, and from that day I have been a writer of flashy literature. I make a good thing out of it, too, for besides my newspaper and other work, I turn out an average six novels every month, for which I receive about twenty-five dollars each," she continued.

"These cheap stories are invariably written under pressure and with little chance for revision or correction. Occasionally a mistake in grammar appears in the finished product, a sentence may be badly constructed or a phrase may be wrongly injected, but on the whole the story, when turned over to the published, is complete in its way, and compares favorably as a literary production with much that is printed in the second-class story papers. From the time dime novels first made their appearance up to the present day, they have been condemned by parents and teachers as unfit reading matter to place in the hands of the young, and the writers of such literature are looked upon with disfavor—when they are known. But such stories, while they may deal with people and situations that are improbable, never touch upon the impossible, and are absolutely free from vulgarity and impurity.

"The tales may have no foundation in truth, but—they must be made up of incidents and events altogether within the realm of possibility, else they will be rejected by the publishers. Events that go to make up the narrative may be as improbable as the writer cares to make them. If the detective in the story suddenly appears in the midst of the gang of villains he has been following for days, as they are gathered in some secret stronghold, the writer must describe minutely how he managed to reach the spot; if some aerial contrivance is set afloat, the reader must have an idea of how it is sustained above the earth, and what forms its motive power; if in a few hours the hero of a story covers on horseback 200 miles of rough, impassable trail, the reader wants to know whether rider passed through a secret, underground short-cut, or used relays of fast horses, or he will not be satisfied with the story. Make the event as improbable as you like—the more improbable the better—but stick to the possible."

PROF. PEACOCK GOES
TO CARNEGIE INSTITUTE

Has Been in German Universities

For Two Years—An Earlham Graduate.

Prof. E. L. Peacock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Peacock of this city, will return this week from Germany to take a position in the new Carnegie Institute at New York. He has been in Germany for two years where he has been doing advance work in the universities of Berlin and other cities. He will take up research work at the Carnegie Institute in political economy and history. Prof. Peacock is a graduate of Earlham and also Indiana University. He has done much writing since leaving Richmond among it, contributions to the International Encyclopedia.

ASTOR GOES IN
CASTLE BUSINESSAMERICAN MILLIONAIRE NOW
REGARDED AS RIVAL OF
ANDREW CARNEGIE.

SENDS AGENTS BROADCAST

American Consul at Constantinople

Making a Hard Pull for Trade—

Chamberlain's Victory.

London, Jan. 21.—The friends of W. W. Astor state that his purchase and extensive restoration of Hever castle in Kent is merely the first step in a castle-buying campaign on an unprecedented scale. Mr. Astor is said to have agents throughout the United Kingdom looking out for half-ruined castles, which he intends to buy and eventually restore to their original condition. Already Mr. Astor has been humorously dubbed the Castle King and hailed as a rival to Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that since the arrival there of the present energetic American consul-general, there has been an extraordinary activity in and promotion of

American trade to the detriment of British and other interests.

The organization by the American consul agent of exhibitions of American products and the fact that he is even selling large quantities of agricultural machinery cause the leading

British firms to deplore the inefficiency of the organization of the British consular system.

Mr. Chamberlain's sweeping victory in Birmingham merely emphasizes, and with dramatic force, the construction placed upon the election result in these dispatches.

It wings from his bitterest opponents a generous, though rather awesome

tribute with the explanation that Birmingham is merely a personal incident in a national issue.

It is more than that, not only did Birmingham vote for Mr. Chamberlain, but in no other constituencies were the issues

so clearly defined, and elsewhere the

result would have been similar but for such factors as Chinese labor and the incompetency of the late Cabinet.

What Birmingham did yesterday,

the other great cities of Great Britain are likely to be doing within five

years, and the continued tide of Liberal success can no more be claimed

as a detrimental victory for free trade than the recent anti-graft victories could be claimed as a victory for protection as against free trade.

TO ENFORCE ORDINANCE.

According to Supt. of Police Bailey the distributors of sample medicine of any kind will have to comply

strictly with the city ordinance regarding the distribution of their medicine either in packages or in bottles.

They will also be required to keep off lawns. The penalty is a

fine of not less than \$5 and not more

than \$25, for each offense.

A Penurious Man.

Some fathers are so unreasonable.

Here is a millionaire New Yorker who

is raising a tuneless roar because his

daughter is not satisfied to spend \$200

a day, but wants enough more to enable

her to pay street car fare after a hard day's shopping.

Just think of being obliged to live on

a miserable little old \$200 bill a day!

Of course she doesn't have to pay board, living at home, but what of that?

Suppose she wants to buy a

French count, warranted sound of

limb and a free spender, who had

been marked down to \$49.98 as a bar-

gan day sacrifice, where would she

be with her little old pin money?

It may be all right for any one who

wants to buy a husband and automo-

biles on the dollar down and dollar

a week plan, but you can see at

once that a business transaction of that

sort is far from satisfactory to a girl

with a sensitive soul.

Not All Women.

"You can't believe half of the stories

travelers tell."

"No?"

"I was down in Boston for the first time last week, and I actually saw a man."

The Annual Visitation.

Secure your tickets early

For the January thaw,

Which comes around about this time

According to some law

With coughs and colds and rheumatism

And grip its choicest fruits

And makes us wish that Santa Claus

Had brought us rubber boots.

The Pacer Cashwood.

The pacer Cashwood, 2:11 1/4, will be

used in the Pittsburg matinees.

Great Racing Ahead

Trotters and Pacers Due For
a Brilliant Season—New
England Outlook.

To the horseman the immediate future has a very rosy look. The darkest cloud in sight is the limited supply of high grade animals. The demand for all sorts of first class horses has never been so strong as now. Top quality workers, snifters, roadsters, coaches, racers, are being sought and are bringing more in the open market than any time in the past, and the breeder who can produce marketable horses is sure of handsome profits.

The harness racing this year promises even greater brilliancy than the turf has ever known. At this distance the crown worn by Lou Dillon seems safe, but the battle for campaigning horses, which for 1905 went to Sadie Mc., will be an interesting one. There is every likelihood of some sensational pacing miles, and Dan Patch and Audubon Boy will both be in training. The 1:35 1/4 behind a wind break will not be one of the objects of the New England horse. He will be fitted for a crack at that 1:35 in the open, and if he is given the proper chance he will beat it away off.

Grand Cresceus is expected to further reduce the trotting stallion record,

and there are lots of men who think that despite his age he will be able to reel off a mile in even time.

Glenwood M., 2:07 1/4, the fastest trotting stallion of last year, is looked on as the maker of some sensational low marks.

The makeup of the grand circuit is now a matter of doubt, but there is no question as to its being as strong as of old.

The increased number of fast record horses means that the fields will be larger than ever. Detroit, Buffalo, Poughkeepsie, Reading, Providence, Hartford, Columbus and Cincinnati will be in line, as will Lexington, with its big independent meeting.

The stewards may be asked to give Readville a two weeks' date, a request which should be granted, for a ten days' stay in Boston next August would be just to the liking of owners and trainers.

Cleveland is still on the doubtful list, and it will be well into spring before its position is known.

Sangus and Worcester will follow their usual plan of holding meetings to meet the demands of the men racing horses.

Hartford is counted upon to help out the half mile track circuit with an early summer and an October meeting.

In New Hampshire, Dover and Nashua will be in the game. These, with the few independent meetings

and the various fairs, will fill the New England season from the middle of June until Nov. 1.

From all that can be learned managers of the circuit tracks are lending an ear to the demand for richer purses for the fast record horses.

In the past the trotters with records of 2:08 or

better have had to race for the ordinary purse, as have the pacers in the 2:07 list, while green and slow record steeds have had unlimited opportunities to race for \$5,000 and \$10,000 prizes.

A \$5,000 purse for a 2:05 or a 2:06 pace all the way down the line would furnish a series of turf battles the like of which has never been seen and which would fill every grand stand on the circuit.